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John Tubbs, Director
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Dear Mr. Tubbs,

As Commissioners of Powell County we are in support of the current and ongoing efforts of DNRC to reserve a volume of water that is currently stored in Hungry Horse Reservoir for use by the State of Montana. This will provide for new Clark Fork River Basin water use, as well as security for many of the existing water users in the basin.

Sincerely,

Ralph Mannix

Commission Chair

Gail Jones Commissioner

Dwight O'Hara Commissioner